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Heber Creeper begins running

The Heber Creeper scenic railroad that runs between Heber City and Bridal Veil Falls in Provo Canyon was given approval Friday to begin operation Saturday.

Division of Parks and Recreation officials gave the green light for the train to run after Utah Department of Transportation officials said there is nothing to prevent the railroad from operating.

The division has the final say on whether the train runs because Heber Creeper Inc. leases the railroad right-of-way from the state agency.

Marvin G. Jenson, division assistant director, said he is relying on a letter from UDOT, advice from an assistant Utah attorney general and some railroad inspectors in allowing the train to begin operation.

LeGrande O. Jones, safety regulations administrator for UDOT's safety division, sent a letter Friday to Jenson saying the should be allowed to operate.

Jones said some minor defects in the track between Deer Creek Dam and the falls discovered during spot checks can be repaired while the train is operating.

Jenson said the track will be inspected weekly and Heber Creeper officials are required to correct any problems discovered during the inspections.

Lowe Ashton, president of Heber Creeper Inc., wrote a letter to state parks officials several days ago and said employees have been working on the track between Heber City and the dam to correct some problems found during a walking inspection several weeks ago.

Also, some heavy equipment has been used to correct some earth slippage near the track by the dam.

Obituaries



**DENNIS A.
SPENDLOVE**

Dennis Arthur Spendlove, 36 of Heber City, formerly of Washington Terrace, died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1982 at Utah Valley Hospital in Provo.

Born May 1, 1945 in Ogden, a son of Arthur Merrill and Delta Barker Spendlove. He was a graduate of Bonneville High School in 1963. He graduated with honors from Utah Technical College in electrical engineering with honors in electrical and automation technology, becoming a master electrician. He was instrumental in the development of the Heber Creeper Railroad and Texas State Railroad in Rusk, Tex. Member of the Utah Railway Association. Was an elder in the Heber Third LDS Ward. He served in the Scouting program in

the Terrace 8th Ward and in Maydelle, Tex.

Surviving are his mother and father of Heber City; one brother and two sisters, Merrill Dee Spendlove, Ogden; Mrs. Stephen (Kay) Bingham, Willard; Mrs. Dan (Penny) Casper, Willard.

Funeral services were held Wednesday. Burial in Washington Heights Memorial Park in South Ogden.

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Dennis A. Spendlove

HEBER CITY — Dennis Arthur Spendlove, 36, died February 3, 1982 in a Provo Hospital.

Born May 1, 1945 in Ogden to Arthur Merrill and Evelyn Delta Barker Spendlove. One of the original founders of the Heber Creeper.

Survived by parents, Heber City; brothers and sisters, Mrs. Steve (Kay Lynn) Bingham and Mrs. Dan (Penny Ann) Casper, both Willard, Box Elder County; Merrill Dee Spendlove, Ogden.

Funeral services Saturday 10:30 a.m. at the Heber 3rd Ward Chapel. Friends may call at Olpin Mortuary, Friday 7-9 p.m. and at the Church Saturday one hour prior. Burial: Washington Heights Memorial Park, Saturday 2:30 p.m.

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